

Present: Joanne Draghetti, Jay Wilson, David Hagg, MaryJean MacGillivray

Michelle Riesselman, Arthur Rounds, Jeff Johnson

Meeting brought to order: 7:00 PM

7:02 Review November Minutes: Jay made a motion to accept minutes as read, and Arthur seconded. All members in agreement. November Minutes Accepted.

7:06 Review correspondence: Received information from the Stoddard CC which questions the NH Fish and Games protection of beavers in relation to RSA 210:9. This RSA mandates that the Department issue a special permit unless the destruction of a beaver dam is to protect property. However, to date, no special permit form has even been created because the Department has found “virtually no occasion to use the statute”. Presently, the number of beavers taken out of season is reported to the Department, but not the destruction of beaver dams. In recent years, as high as 1880 beavers were trapped out of season each year and there were no recorded reasons why. It was suggested that Fish & Game would probably have hearings or information on this issue that would give people a broader view of the issue. Jay made a Motion not to take further action on HB 1343 until we have a better understanding of the issue. Michelle seconded. Motion Passed.

7:12 Pinchard Property: Joanne and MaryJean met with Roger Pinchard and he is very amenable to the documentation in the deed that we presented to him. Joanne brought this information before the selectmen and they would like to have an Enforceable Agreement to make it legal. Joanne will contact Roger to make sure he understands the selectmen’s request and is in agreement. If Roger Pinchard is agreeable, the Selectmen will proceed with legal counsel. From a budgetary standpoint, this cost may be a 2018 cost.

7:20: Cheever Lane Trespass: John Tenahave called Joanne to let her know that the driveway work has been completed as requested. He plans to work out any further issues that may arise with the MV Planning Board. The CC will continue to monitor the situation for erosion and work with John Tenahave in the Spring to complete the planting of trees. The CC is satisfied with this issue.

7:22: Orchard Hill Conservation Easement: The CC was presented with a slightly updated version of the Orchard Hill Conservation Easement that had been reviewed and updated by Town Counsel. The changes were reviewed. David Haag questioned if there shouldn’t be a parking area included in the wording of the easement. Joanne explained that with this conservation easement we only have trail access and do not own the property and the Purgatory Road width is not able to accommodate parking along the road. However, there is CC parking further up the road at the Wah Lum entrance that can be used. *Jay made a motion to send Orchard Hill Conservation Easement plan to the Planning Board, Arthur, seconded. Motion passed with one opposed.*

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7:30 Invasive Species Letter for Orchard Hill: The CC reviewed the letter that Shelley Brooks had prepared for Mr. Vaughn. She would like to know if she should send the letter. In the letter Shelley, (CC) offered council regarding the invasive plants on the Orchard Hill Property. Shelley had met with

Mr. Cygan, Invasive Species Coordinator for the NH Department of Agriculture, at the Orchard Hill property to get his expert opinion on how to handle the invasive problem. Mr. Cygan would be happy to come back to the property at Mr. Vaughn’s convenience. David suggested that we ask for a meeting with Mr. Vaughn and Mr.

Cygan. *Jay made a motion that the CC contact Mr. Vaughn to make him aware of the invasives, and ask that we meet with him to discuss the state rules and regulations regarding invasives.* David seconded. All in agreement. We will prepare and mail a cover letter to Mr. Vaughn asking to meet at his convenience along with Shelly's letter.

7:40 Carleton Pond Update: Basic parking and base material is down. The stop blocks for flow system are 85-90% completed. The winter will continue to help settle everything in. Jay suggested that in January and/or February we should have a work session to discuss some of the construction fundamentals and the time lines going forward such as spreading top gravel, leveling off of parking area, Fishing Derby, tree planting, etc. David asked if we should keep the no trespassing signs at the pond. Jay replied that *"the pond is not ready to be used, and should not be used this winter."* No Trespassing signs will remain in place for the winter. *MaryJean made a motion that no usage of any kind, including skating, will be allowed on the pond for the 2017/2018 winter.* Jeff seconded. All in favor. Signage will be posted at the pond, and this information will also be posted on Town Website as well as Town Facebook Page.

7:45 Jay made a motion to adjourn, Michelle seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryJean MacGillivray, Secretary